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A TRUE TALE OF THE PAST AND
PRESENT.

[From the Beaver (Utah) Square Dealer.]

When on the Island of Tupuni, South
Pacific Ocean, a boy was given me, when
an infant one year old. His father, a
brilliant young man, native of New
York, was a missionary companion of
my husband, Elder Addison Pratt. Having
remained there for several years, he
married a native woman from the China
Island group; the issue was three sons,
one of which we (my husband and my-
self) adopted. We brought him over
the seas when he was two years old, in
1852. In 1858 I brought him to Utah.
He was a smart, bright boy, and I took
pride in teaching him. He remained
with me till he was sixteen, his father
being absent most of the time. He then
left me without permission, and went
with a freighter to Montana. Through
various vicissitudes, he became an ex-
press rider. On one of his trips, in
1870, he was captured by the Black Feet
Indians, robbed of the mail, stripped of
all his clothes, and left seventy miles from
any habitation. He managed to reach
Fort Hall almost frozen and starved;
after recuperating he was induced to en-
gage in the same business, which he fol-
lowed one year longer, and was then cap-
tured by the Sioux Indians; he was kept
two years confined to one lodge; but
after that had more privileges granted to
him; he became so accustomed to their
habits, and not being cruelly treated,
felt disposed to remain with them until
circumstances should make it practicable
for him to make his escape, in the mean-
time applying himself with all diligence
to study their character, their methods
of warfare, and to know every inch of
their country; thinking that in some
future day his knowledge would be of
service to himself, and he of service to
his country. It was not until 1876 that
he found an opportunity to escape, hav-
ing been five years the protégé of the famous
"Sitting Bull." We named him
"Ephraim Pratt," while away he took
the name of his real father, Frank
Gronard. He went to a military station,
and was immediately appropriated by
General Crook, as guide and scout in his
command. His father, Mr. B. F.
Gronard, seeing his name in the papers,
wrote to him to ascertain who he was.
The mystery was then solved; he was
found to be my long-lost boy, lost to me
ten years. I had followed him with my
prayers, and thankful I that in his
childhood I had taught him to believe in
God and pray to him. I addressed a let-
ter to Fort Fetterman, and received in
return one of the most pathetic, penit-
ent and impressive letters I ever read; giv-
ing me an account of his adventures and
suffering, imploring, in a most humble
manner, forgiveness for leaving me ab-
ruptly, and saying "how dearly he had
paid for his waywardness and disobe-
dience in leaving so good a mother, who
was always kind and used every means to
make him a good man." The family
and neighbors were excited and moved
to tears when the letter was read. His
photograph was sent, as natural as life;
a well-dressed gentleman, no look of an
Indian about him; it is to us almost like
the resurrection of the dead. The re-
porters write everything in his praise, as
a first-class "Cabinet officer," "chief of
the northern scouts, braver than any
Sioux," etc. His ready brain and hands
are "practically invaluable." One thing
which interests us very much is that he
has found a white girl among the Sioux,
and from the description given we
are greatly in hopes it is Bro. Thurston's
child, stolen from Cache Valley in
1867, and grand daughter of Elder Erna-
stus Snow. My son described her in his
letter as a pale, delicate girl, apparently
about sixteen years old. The Indians
are kind to her. They keep her making
head-work; she knows not a word of
English. He further says: "I have twice
tried to capture her, but did not succeed.
I think I shall yet accomplish it."

I have written to Brother Snow and
received in return his heartfelt acknowl-
edgment, promising his faith and
prayers; and his advice to the young man
was that he would advise him to attempt
nothing so hazardous as her capture
would be, only in the fear of God, and by
so doing and noting with great caution,
he feels he would be sure of success. I
copied the letter and sent it to my son.
I feel to pray most earnestly that such
an event may transpire, and the dear
one, whoever she may be, restored to her
yearning parents, if they still live, and
most certainly the complication of these
peculiar circumstances would constrain
us to acknowledge a Divine Providence
in the whole transaction, and to thank
our Heavenly Father for his all-preserv-
ing care. I expect my son to visit me
soon.

Mrs. L. B. PRATT.

Beaver, March 31, 1877.

Calcraft, the English hangman, only
made one mistake during his long
career, and he retired immediately after-
ward in consequence of the criticisms of
the press; he retired with the expression
of only one regret on his lips, he had
hanged all sorts of conditions of men,
but he had never executed a reporter!

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What is a Bat.

All who have examined a bat closely,
its fur, ears, and teeth, must, we think
have recognized it as a kind of beast.
Its real affinities, however, serve well to
demonstrate as a guide to fundamental
relationship. The bat is essentially an
animal of the air, all its structure is
modified for flight, and it rarely descends
to the surface of the ground. The mole,
on the contrary, is essentially an animal
of the earth—all its structures are
modified for burrowing, and it rarely
ascends to the surface of the ground.
The contrast could scarcely be more
complete, and yet the bat and the mole
are cousins—the mole, the hedgehog,
and the shrew mouse belonging to a
to group of beasts which the bats show
no inconsiderable affinity.

We have spoken of the opinion that
the bat is a kind of bird. This view
seems to have been entertained by the
Jews, and the "bird of darkness" is
placed in Deuteronomy VII. 18, among
the unclean ones forbidden as food:
"And the stork and heron after her kind,
and the lapwing and the bat."

Aristotle, though he placed the bats
among the flying animals, and, therefore,
among birds, distinctly recognized the
difference in their organizations, and
the same thing may be affirmed of Pliny.
But, in spite of this and although Al-
bertus Magnus, in the Middle Ages, was
fully acquainted with the true nature of
bats, as beasts, as well as with their win-
ter torpidity, and we find later on a re-
trogression of opinion.

A dispatch from San Jose, California,
dated May 1, says: On Sunday a diffi-
culty occurred at Almaden, in this
county, in which Bautista Sandoval, it
is feared, fatally cut Juan Salazar with
a razor. The two men were drinking
together, when Salazar said: "I have
better blood than you; you are a nigger."
Sandoval said: "No, you have not,"
and proposed to compare blood; so each
cut slightly the other's hand and com-
pared blood, being quite friendly at the
time. They then got to scuffling for the
knife, and Sandoval got out. He then
drew a razor, seized Salazar by the head,
and bending it over, drew the razor
across his face twice, inflicting two fear-
ful wounds. Sandoval was arrested and
brought to San Jose to-day and lodged
in the jail. He is held to await the
action of the grand jury. He is a native
of Southern California, and has been a
sailor, entering the port of San Fran-
cisco four weeks ago on the Belle of
the Sea, from Liverpool.

THE FIRST WATCH.—At first the watch
was about the size of a dessert plate. It
had weights, and was used as "pocket
clock." The earliest known use of the
modern name occurs in the record of 1552,
which mentions that Edward VI. had
one larum or watch of iron, the case be-
ing likewise of iron gilt, with two dum-
mets of lead." The first watches may
readily be supposed to have been of rude
execution. The first great improvement,
the substitute of springs for weights,
was in 1550. The earliest springs were
not coiled, but only straight pieces of
steel. Early watches had only one hand,
and being wound up twice a day, they
could not be expected to keep time
nearer than fifteen or twenty minutes in
the twelve hours. The dials were of
silver or brass; the case had no crystals
but opened at the back or front, were
four or five inches in diameter. A plain
watch cost the equivalent of \$1,600 in
our currency, and after one was ordered
it took a year to make it.—[Troy Times.

We learn from undoubted authority
that it is the purpose of the new man-
agement of the Martin White Company
to erect a cupel furnace immediately
near the Ward Belfry, and that it will be
ready within thirty days. After its erec-
tion only fine bullion will be shipped,
which will go through Wells, Fargo &
Co. from that time on. Everything that
is presented below in the shape of checks
is being paid. Nothing more could be
reasonably desired. The entire new
Board of Directors are reported to be
men of unlimited means, and we have
every reason to believe measures will be
taken looking to the energetic working
of this company's mines.

A man named Jean De Esnaies was
hanged in the sixteenth century for a
series of murder. To all questions he
replied with a song, and on the scaffold
and in the presence of 6,000 persons he
asked and obtained permission to say a
few words. Then he begged the throng
to join in the chorus of a popular ditty,
"There were four asses in the field nipping
the tender grass," which consisted
of imitations of braying. Then said
Jean: "I die happy, because the last
moment I have heard six thousand asses
braying at once, and I have no desire to
live with such fellow creatures."

Frank Christopher, a miner employed
in the east drift on the 1650 level of the
California mine was badly hurt while at
work at about four o'clock this morning.
A blast having failed to go off, Christo-
pher, after waiting a few minutes, walked
out to see what the matter was, when the
explosion occurred, and he was severely
injured. He was immediately brought
to the surface through the C. and C.
shaft, where a physician was sent for, and
the man taken to St. Mary's Hospital.
His injuries are not fatal.—[Virginia
Chronicle, 4th.

A man was found dead in Pennsylv-
ania avenue, Washington. He had
been drinking water at the White House,
and a cold breeze springing up, he froze
full of icicles.

A HOLOCAUST IN NORWAY.—A terrible
calamity recently occurred in the Nor-
wegian village of Ellingsø. The school-
master had called the children of the
village together with the object of ex-
amining them, using for this purpose the
second floor of a large unfinished log
house, to which access was gained
through a window by means of a ladder,
the stairs not being finished. Twenty
children had assembled, and the examina-
tion was nearly concluded, when sud-
denly the schoolmaster observed heavy
volumes of smoke penetrating the room
directly followed by flames. Rushing to
the window he observed to his terror that
the ladder had disappeared, thus cutting
off the only means of escape. Seizing a
couple of the children he threw them
out of the window; but blinded, suffo-
cating, and scorched, he was unable to
get hold of any more, and jumped him-
self through the window, breaking one
leg in the fall. All the men in the vil-
lage were out fishing and the women
away, thus no assistance was possible,
and the poor children were left to their
fate. Only four of the whole number
escaped, all more or less burned and
bruised, while sixteen perished, the floor
giving suddenly away.

The Visalia Delta speaks of the dis-
covery of a number of human skeletons
of extraordinary size on the islands of
Tulare Lake and scattered over the bot-
tom of the lake where they are distinctly
seen through the pellucid water. A
measurement of one of the bare skulls
exceeded in size any of the heads of the
present population of that region. A
number of mortars and pestles, some of
them much worn, have been discovered
on the islands, and they abound with
pelicans and other birds of rare species.

Brownlow said recently that he wanted
to see Wade Hampton President. The
old man's new-born kindness struck in
on him and killed him.

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Gumsky, Mrs. S. C. Barnes, John S.
Atchison, A. M. Shields, F. W. Lan-
caster, Thomas Greaves and unknown
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and labor the sum of three hundred and ten
(\$310) dollars on the Black Prince Mine,
situated in the Ely Mining District, Lincoln
County, State of Nevada. Unless you pay me
at my office in Pioche, Nevada, your propo-
rtional share of said expenditure on said mine,
for each and every foot you may legally own in
said mine, within ninety days from the date
thereof, together with costs, your interests in
said mine will be forfeited to me by due process
of law.

CHARLES STEIN.
Pioche, Nev., January 26, 1877. 2d27-90d

NOTICE.

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it may concern, you are hereby notified
that you are indebted to the undersigned
in the sum of \$350, gold coin, for money
expended by me in working the "Home Rule
mine," situated in Ely Mining District, Lincoln
County, State of Nevada. Unless you pay me,
at my residence in Pioche, Nevada, the above
proportional share of said expenditure on said
mine within ninety days from date, together
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THOMAS J. McMAHON.
Pioche, Nevada, March 22, 1877. 2d24-90d

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